

# Kyle Smith Takes Mayor's Job

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Jackie Dean Barrett, retired police chief, succeeds Norman King, who like Mayor Moss served 22 years and seven months at City Hall.

Councilwoman Bridges thanked the audience for their support and said "I'll do a good job".

Councilman Barrett said he'd keep his campaign promises and wanted to see the city run like a business and "even though I was on the police force 31 years there are some things I'd like to see done."

Councilman Al Moretz said he hoped voters would be hearing the "thank you from the full board in the next four years and proposed that the Council establish Dec. 15, 1987 as John Henry Moss Day by city resolution in honor "of the man who has done more for Kings Mountain than anyone else in history."

During business of the new administration, the Council reappointed Marvin Chappell as city clerk-treasurer and Mickey Corry as city attorney but deferred reappointment of the engineering firm of W.K. Dickson Co. as consulting engineers until workshop sessions Wednesday and Thursday evenings when the Council will discuss organizational matters and Department heads will also offer input.

Councilman Al Moretz made the motion that the board elect Councilwoman Norma Bridges to the honorary position of mayor pro tem but Commissioner Humes Houston offered a substitute motion that the board follow customary procedure and give the honor to Councilman Jackie Barrett since Barrett led the field of 20 candidates in the Primary

### Choirs To Lead Worship Service

Combined choirs of Macedonia Baptist Church will present "The Reason for the Season" Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Delores White will direct the musicale. The public is invited.

The annual Sunday School Christmas program will be held tonight at 7 p.m. and will be on the theme, "We Like Sheep" with treats for children and a visit from Santa Claus. Members of the choir will hold a Christmas dinner Thursday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

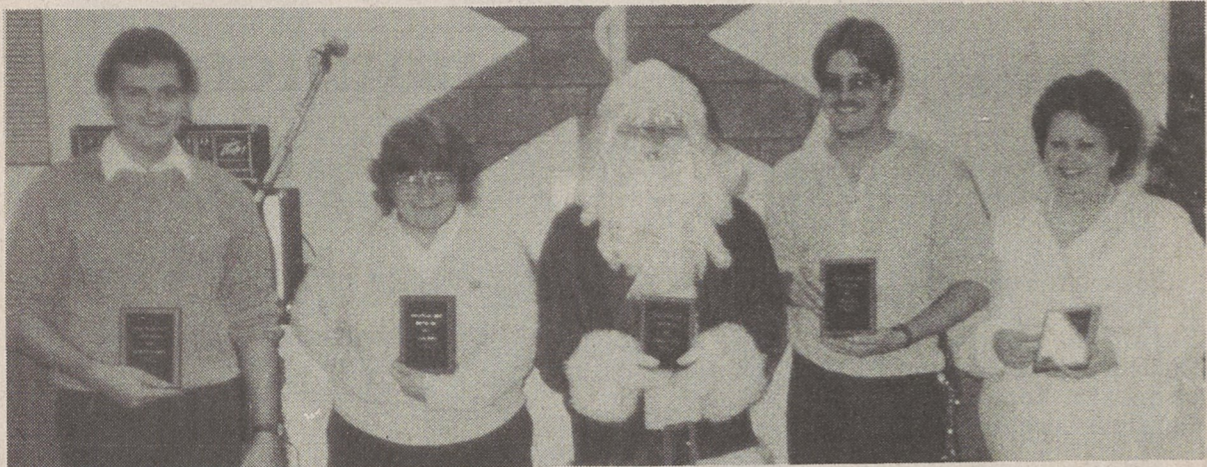
lection. Mrs. Bridges was top vote-getter among the six candidates in the run-off election. Houston's motion died on the floor for lack of a second. Councilman Fred Finger then seconded the Moretz motion and it passed unanimously.

Family members of Mayor Smith, the new council members, and Mayor Moss' wife, Elaine, were on hand to greet citizens at a public reception from 6:30 until 7:30 and for both meetings of the outgoing board and the new board.

Smith, who was reared in a coal mining town in West Virginia, is a U.S. Navy veteran of 20 years and has taken a leave from his job with Combustion Engineering until a city manager is on the job. Smith has said that interviews for the position will begin after Christmas. Although the General Statutes require council manager governments to

name an acting or interim city manager in the absence of a permanent one, the changes to Kings Mountain's charter won't take effect until Smith and the new board are ready, according to the resolution the current board adopted in September when it adopted the city manager form of government after John Henry Moss announced he would not seek re-election. Smith has said that he plans to follow through on his campaign promises to cut the salaries of elected officials, including himself, and said that his role would be that of a part-time mayor when the new city manager, and Kings Mountain's first, is on the job.

Mayor Smith received the keys to the Mayor's office from outgoing Mayor Moss Tuesday after Smith adjourned the first meeting of the Smith administration. "I'll be in my office at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning", Smith said.



**SERVICE AWARDS TO RESCUE SQUAD**—Grover Rescue Squad Captain Jeff Cash, left, Santa's assistant Jerry Ledford, Kenneth Childers, Sandy Ford and Belinda Owens received 100 hour service plaques from the Grover Rescue Squad during a Christmas banquet Saturday night at the squad building.

## Grover Rescuers Honored

Belinda Owens, who joined the Grover Rescue Squad 18 months ago, is Member of the Year for 1987 and Squad Captain Jeff Cash is Officer of the Year.

The coveted awards were presented Saturday night as the squad, families, and

guests held the annual Christmas dinner at the squad building.

Shelby urologist Dr. Kelly Johnson was guest speaker and praised the squad as one of the top squads in Cleveland County who, he said, underwent criticism because they

took a stand this year in supporting a county-wide EMT Intermediate level care for citizens. The squad currently has 13 EMTs, eight at the advanced EMT intermediate level, and seven currently enrolled in Johnson's EMT class. Twenty members active this year answered 267 calls, 22 in South Carolina, purchased a new ambulance and computer and operated on a \$66,000 budget with \$10,000 from Cleveland County United Way, \$6,800 from Kings Mountain United Way and public contributions. The squad received a one-time grant of \$30,500 from the county for the new ambulance.

The 17 associate members who donated more than \$50 during the year and included local industry, were guests at the party. Turkey and ham was on hand to present gifts.

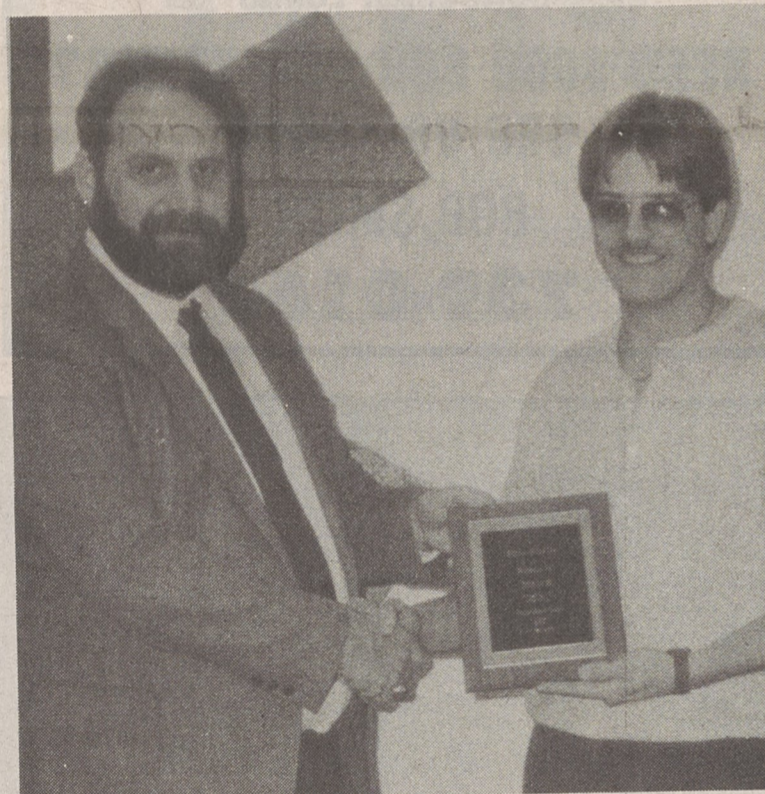
First Lt. John Haskins gave the welcome and reports were given by Cash, treasurer Jackie McCurry, and training officer Jerry Kates. McCurry also gave secretary Pam Crocker's annual report. Cash recognized other officers, including Sgt. Kenneth Childers, training officer Marcia Wilson, and directors Jim Beam, Gene Carroll, Fain Hambricht, Dennis McDaniel and Buren Randle, and other members Jerry Ledford, Larry Bridges, Debbie Randle, Ronnie Smith, Barry Philbeck, Carolyn McCurry, Pam Watts, Brenda Rolen, Tony Sipes, Diane Wilson, Larry Crawford and Belinda Owens.

Cash reported a busy year for the all-volunteer squad and praised them for their diligence to duty and dedication. Prior to the dinner, directors met and approved purchase of new navy blue jump suits. Squad members invited visitors on a tour of the renovated headquarters. Work is continuing on additions to the upstairs area where a new day room and new bunk beds will be located.

Recognized with 100 hour service plaques were Jeff Cash, Jerry Ledford, Kenneth Childers, Sandy Ford and Belinda Owens.



**MEMBER OF THE YEAR**—Belinda Owens is congratulated by Grover Rescue Squad Captain Jeff Cash as Member of the Year during the Squad Christmas party Saturday night. Cash was honored as Officer of the Year.



**OFFICER OF THE YEAR**—Grover Rescue Squad Captain Jeff Cash, right, receives the Officer of the Year Award from Lt. John Haskins.

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